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Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Representatives Nguyen of Andover and Robertson of Tewksbury, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of former State Representative Kevin G. Sullivan of Tewksbury.

Former State
Representative
Kevin G.
Sullivan
of Tewksbury.

Born in 1932 to John and Mary Sullivan, he grew up in a family known for its tradition of involvement in the community. Kevin continued in that same spirit, going above and beyond in his service for others. As a Korean War Veteran, he served our country as a member of the U.S. Navy with the Navy Seabees, the Naval construction force responsible for building runways, piers, and causeways essential to the war effort overseas. Mr. Sullivan followed his military service by serving his community as an elected official, providing years of service in Tewksbury as the chair of both the Board of Health and the Board of Selectmen. He would also serve as the first State Representative from Tewksbury, serving the 28th Middlesex District from 1969 – 1972. On September 21st, 2019, Mr. Sullivan received the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal for his service during the Korean War. His life and work impacted everyone in the Tewksbury community, and his loss will be greatly felt.

Former State Representative Kevin G. Sullivan passed away peacefully in his home with his family nearby on August 1st, 2021, at the age of 89. He was the loving husband of the late Peggy Sullivan. He is survived by his sons Kevin, John, and David, his daughter Mary, as well as his seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Resignation of Representative Hill of Ipswich.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

August 24, 2021.

The Honorable Steven T. James, *Clerk*
Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. James,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I will irrevocably resign as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from the 4th Essex District, effective on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

Resignation of
Representative
Bradford Hill
of Ipswich.

Holding this position since 1999 has been a true honor that I shall never forget. I want to thank the citizens of this district for having the faith in me to represent them in the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additionally, I want to recognize you and your staff for the partnership we have had over the years that made this job so much easier for me to do. I am forever grateful and wish you and your staff the very best.

Sincerely,
BRADFORD HILL
Assistant Minority Leader
Massachusetts House of Representatives

Order.

The following order (filed this day by Mr. Mariano of Quincy) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Ordered, That the House irrevocably accepts the resignation, dated August 24, 2021 and effective September 15, 2021, of Bradford Hill as the Representative in the General Court from the 4th Essex District and declares that, by reason of this resignation, the office of Representative from that district is vacant as of September 15, 2021; and be it further

Fourth Essex
Representative
District,—
time for election
to fill vacancy.

Ordered, That, the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy that shall exist in the office of Representative in the General Court from said Fourth Essex District shall designate Tuesday, November 30, 2021, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cutler of Pembroke) congratulating Deborah Wall on the occasion of her retirement as director of the Pembroke Public Library;

Deborah
Wall.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Donato of Medford) celebrating the Medford Invitational Tournament on its twenty-fifth anniversary; and

Medford
Invitational.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kerans of Danvers and Walsh of Peabody) honoring Representative Theodore “Ted” C. Speliotis for his thirty years of service in the Massachusetts House of Representatives;

Theodore
Speliotis.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

The following additional petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock P.M., on Friday, February 19, 2021) was referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

Representatives Livingstone of Boston and Santiago of Boston, presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4090) of Jay D. Livingstone and Jon Santiago for legislation to provide grants to gateway municipalities and the city of Boston for replacement of lead water distribution pipes. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
pipe
replacement.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7A) of Timothy R. Whelan that Barnstable county retirement board shall permit Jeremiah Z. Valli, a member of the Barnstable county retirement system, to purchase creditable service for military service.

Jeremiah
Valli,—
creditable
service.

By Representative Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mathew J. Muratore and Susan L. Moran for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tanya Hackett, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Tanya
Hackett,—
sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marc R. Pacheco, Carol A. Doherty and Patricia A. Haddad for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lisa Sbrogna, an employee of the Department of Mental Health, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Lisa Sbrogna,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2514) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Elizabeth A. Malia, David Paul Linsky and others for legislation to mitigate COVID-19 transmission among children and families, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.

COVID-19,—
schools, etc.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2516) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of William M. Straus for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Samantha Davignon, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Samantha
Davignon,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Milton (Senate, No. 1364) [Local Approval Received];

Milton,—
investments.

Amending the charter of the city of Amesbury to increase the term of the mayor to 4 years (Senate, No. 2449) [Local Approval Received];

Amesbury,—
charter.

Amending the charter of the city of Amesbury relative to the position of school committee chair (Senate, No. 2450) [Local Approval Received]; and

Id.

Authorizing the city of Fall River Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land to Southcoast Hospital Group, Inc. (Senate, No. 2503) [Local Approval Received]; and

Southcoast
Hospital.

House bills

To allow the town of Andover to transfer conservation land (House, No. 2193) [Local Approval Received];

Andover,—
land.

Authorizing alternates on the Tyngsborough conservation commission (House, No. 3725) [Local Approval Received]; and

Tyngsborough.

Authorizing the town of Dracut to pay a certain bill to White Water, Inc. (House, No. 3726) [Local Approval Received];

Dracut,—
White Water,
Inc.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill validating actions taken at the annual town meeting held in the town of Nahant (printed in Senate, No. 2487), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of fire department member Gary Stone (House, No. 3854), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Whately,—
Gary Stone.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendment was adopted and the bill (House, No. 3854, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Whatley to continue the employment of William Smith, a member of the fire department of the town (House, No. 3855) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Whately,—
William Smith.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendment was adopted and the bill (House, No. 3855, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Representatives Nguyen of Andover and Robertson of Tewksbury then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Kevin G. Sullivan, a member of the House from Tewksbury, from 1969 to 1972, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.